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Appl. No. 10/566,978

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the Rejections of the Office Action and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of Applicants' remarks below.

Remarks Regarding Claim Amendment

Claim 7 is amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter is added and its entry is requested.

Remarks Regarding Rejections and objection of claims 13-19

There are four rejections/objections of claims 13-19.

First, the Office Action sustained the rejection of claims 13, 14, and 16-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as allegedly anticipated by Zhang (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 122:5499-5509).

Second, the Office Action sustained the rejection of claims 13, 14, and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as allegedly anticipated by Stephan (Organometallics, 18:1116-1118).

Third, claim 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph as allegedly indefinite.

Fourth, claim 15 is objected to as depending on a rejected base claim.

Applicants traverse each of the rejections and objections listed above. Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, and without addressing the merits of the Office Action's position, Applicants have canceled claims 13-19. Therefore these rejections and objections are moot and their withdrawal is respectfully requested.

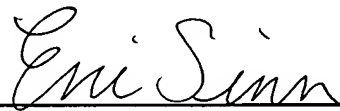
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Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-12 are allowed. Applicants have canceled the other claims to seek an early allowance of claims 1-12. Since there are no other outstanding rejections/objections after the filing of this paper, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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